

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH MILTOWN MALBAY ST. MARY'S CHURCH MOY**  
**CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA**  
**CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT**

**Second Sunday of Advent Year C 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:** 6 p.m. Caragh Vaughan  
12.15 p.m. Anne Downes

**Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent Year C**

**LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Miltown:** ( [www.miltownmalbayparish.ie](http://www.miltownmalbayparish.ie) webcam)

**Monday: 10 a.m.** Liturgy of the Word with  
Holy Communion

**MASS: 10 a.m.** Tuesday in Mullagh

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**MASS: 9.30 a.m.** Thursday in Miltown

**MASS: 10 a.m.** Friday in Miltown

**MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday** for Maureen Gammell,  
Spanish Point (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**MASS: 12.15 p.m. Sunday – Liturgy of the**  
**Word with Holy Communion**

**MOY:**

**MASS: 9.15 a.m. Sunday – Grouped Anniversary**  
**Masses**

Seán Clancy & His Parents Ellie & John  
Clancy, Islandbawn

Mike & Nan Hayes, Moybeg

**MASS:** Please note Mass on Thursday morning in  
Miltown is at 9.30 a.m. Mass on Friday at 10 a.m.

**REMEMBRANCE:** Our Prayers are asked for the  
Repose of the Soul of James (Jim) Flynn who died  
during the week. Rest in Peace Jim

**CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS:**

<b><u>Christmas Eve</u></b>	<b><u>Christmas Day</u></b>
Coore 5pm	Moy 9.15am
Miltown 7pm	Mullagh 11am
Quilty 9.15pm	Miltown 12.15

**MISSIONVALE SOUTH AFRICA:**

Three Students from our local Secondary School will  
travel to Missionvale to work in the Township from  
February 14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will speak at Mass on this  
week-end and ask for your support.

**REFLECTION:**

Nobody thought he'd come like he did:  
born like a poor child, in a borrowed house,  
the son of a woman seeming no different from any other  
except in her glowing faith and huge generosity.  
Long after the kings who envied him  
have been forgotten,  
the name of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary,  
is remembered in lands not even then heard of.  
Long after Mary's own birthplace is forgotten,  
or the shape of her face and the age of her death,  
we remember that she was a woman who gave to God  
her whole life, her whole womanhood,  
and because of that 'all generations call her blessed'.  
Mary, you remind us of what's best in our human nature-  
sympathy, compassion, motherhood, love and care.  
You remind us too that we are made not just for this life  
because as you are now, we one day shall be  
through the grace and gift of God.

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNING** in Miltown Malbay  
Community Centre every Friday from 10.30 to 11.30 am €2  
donation. All welcome!

**MISSIONVALE MASS BOUQUETS** are now available in  
the parish office. €5 each. All proceeds to Missionvale.

**CAROL SERVICE:**

**ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SPANISH**  
**POINT** will put on their Carol Service and Reflection  
for Christmas on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30  
p.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Miltown Malbay. A cup of  
tea will be served after the Service. This is a  
Community Night all are welcome. A Collection on  
the night will be taken up for St. Vincent de Paul.

**ROCKMOUNT N.S.**

Rockmount N.S. Christmas play takes place on  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30. All welcome  
to attend. Christmas raffle will take place directly  
after. Thanks to all local businesses for their  
support. Tickets available from the school office.

**KEEP 'ER LIT' RUN** on Friday 20th December 2024 in Aid of Mullagh Sports field playground & Mullagh N.S. Prizes for best lit up Vehicles. Tractors, Lorries, Vans, Cars, Motor Bikes, Vintage Cars, Rally Cars all welcome! Registration from 5.30pm on Friday 20th December at Mullagh Sportsfield – 'KEEP 'ER LIT' RUN starting at 7pm sharp. €20 registration per vehicle! Kids light up tractor run at 6.15pm! Activities for kids, face painting and lots more entertainment and surprises on the night! Tea and coffee and goodies for all!

#### **SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL:**

SVP reaches out locally, Kilmurry Ibrickane & Miltown Malbay area, to so many people in need during the Christmas Season if you would like to make a contribution, you may put it in the blue envelope in the porch and put it in the basket. ST Vincent De Paul Church gate collections will take place on:  
Mullagh Church on Sunday 8th Dec at 11am  
Quilty Church on Sat 14th Dec at 7.15pm  
Miltown Church on Sat 21st at 6pm &  
Sun 22nd Dec at 12.15pm  
Moy Church Sun 22nd at 9.15am  
Coore Church Sun 29th Dec at 9.30am  
Or you can make a contribution directly into St. Anne's Conference SVPD  
BIC: BOFIE2DXXX  
IBAN: IE93BOFI90433392861464

#### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**

Cantare Choir and Orchestra Christmas Concert featuring seasonal favourites, classics you know and love such as pieces from Ennio Morricone's soundtrack from The Mission, along with some uniquely Irish traditional contributions from the pen of Irish composer, Shaun Davey, and many more.  
December 20th, 8.15pm, SS Peter and Paul Cathedral, Ennis - a very special start to your Christmas! Tickets available online at [www.glor.ie](http://www.glor.ie) or from Glór box office - 065 6843103. In support of Samaritans, Clare. See you there!

**DATE FOR DIARY:** Senior Citizens Christmas party on Sunday 15th December in The Quilty Tavern . Mass at 1pm followed by food and entertainment. Cost €15. Names to Connie Sexton 087 9446374 or Loretta Hanrahan 087 7650199 by Wednesday 11th December for facilitate the Quilty Tavern.

**ADVENT CALENDAR:** Advent marks the beginning of the new calendar year for Christians. The digital Advent calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. Based on the Jubilee Year's theme of #Hope, the 2024 calendar offers prayers and resources designed to guide individuals, families and faith communities to reflect on the hope that Christ brings to the world, while also preparing for the upcoming Holy Jubilee Year in 2025.

To access the calendar please visit:  
<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION** – 1/12/2024 - €1,460

#### **THE OLD KILFARBOY SOCIETY:**

The December talk of the Old Kilfarboy Society will take place on Tuesday, 10th December, in the Malbay, Miltown Malbay at 8pm. Ben Taylor, professional photographer, will talk about incidents and coincidences that occurred while producing some of the images in a 2016 book written by Howard Marshall. The book, *Out of Darkness, the Blind Piper of Inagh*, is a 400 page tome on the life and times of Garrett Barry, 1847-1899. Though born at a time of extreme deprivation and with his physical handicap, he achieved a high status within his cultural sphere. His piping skills and commitment to his community earned him the title "father of Gaelic music" in his native place. He was an inspiration to a generation of pipers and musicians, many of whom have become legends in their own right, like Johnny Doran and Willie Clancy.

#### **SEAFIELD SAND DUNES GOES ONLINE:**

Seafield Conservation Forum has launched a new website to keep the Community updated about its conservation work at Seafield sand dunes. The new website provides a one-stop shop of information on topics related to conservation, biodiversity and the Commonage. Recently taken aerial photographs and video footage of Seafield, visually demonstrate the significant impact that coastal erosion is having on the sand dune system. Access the site and resources at <https://www.seafieldconservation.com>.

#### **COMMUNITY FUNDING INFORMATION CLINIC**

Clare County Council's Rural Development Directorate has scheduled a series of in-person sessions to support Community Groups/Organisations who may wish to apply for current and upcoming funding schemes for their community. Any group who requires guidance and support to inform their ideas or projects in their area are more than welcome to discuss this with our Rural & Community Development Officers. The following funding schemes are set to open for calls for applications from Community Groups in the coming weeks:

Clare Local Area Grants Scheme (CLAGS) 2025

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2024/2025

In-Person Advice Clinic will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December in Miltown Malbay Community Centre. Further information from [rcdo@clarecoco.ie](mailto:rcdo@clarecoco.ie)

#### **PARISH GRAVEYARDS:**

The Parish Graveyards Committee wish to thank all who gave so generously at the October Bank Holiday Collection. A total of €4,470 was gathered. This includes donations given at Church Gates, envelopes landed in to the parish office and money given on line. Thank you to all who gave this great amount. The yearly cost of maintaining our graveyards to the present high standard is €9600. The sale of graves and a small grant received from Clare Co. Council also help. Thank you all again and we, the Committee, ask that your generosity will continue.

Donations on line can be made at the following address:  
Miltown Malbay Parish Graveyard Committee  
IBAN: 47BOFI 904333 12799171  
BIC: BOFIE2D